

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 13, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 2, 35, 38 and 39 have been amended. Claim 37 was cancelled. As a result, claims 1-36 and 38-51 are now pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claim amendments made solely to address this rejection are believed to place the claims in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 35, 36 and 39-41 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakazato et al. Claim 35 has been amended to include a reference to a network, thus believing to distinguish from Nakazato et al. Claim 39 has been amended to include a reference to a network, thus believing to distinguish from Nakazato et al. The claims are now believed in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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